

Biography: Paragraph Structure

(PARENT NOTE: This gives a general idea of what parts need to be included in a simple biography. Less experienced writers might want to combine paragraphs 2-4 into a single paragraph that includes brief information about the points (topics) to be included in the biography. Also, less experienced writers may want to skip the “bridge” or transition sentences for now....)

Paragraph 1 Introduction

Topic Sentence (what you are writing about--like an overall topic sentence for the whole report)

Detail Ideas/Sentences (detail sentences can summarize the information from paragraphs 2-5)

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

Bridge Sentence

Paragraph 2 (Point #1)

Topic sentence

Detail Ideas/Sentences

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

Bridge Sentence

Paragraph 3 (Point #2)

Topic Sentence

Detail Ideas/Sentences

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

Bridge Sentence

Paragraph 4 (Point #3)

Topic Sentence

Detail Ideas/Sentences

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

Bridge Sentence

Paragraph 5 Concluding Paragraph

Topic Sentence

Detail Ideas/Sentences (repeat information from paragraphs 2-4)

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

Concluding Sentence
